

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I support adding the emergency clause to this because the hunting season starts for these birds on September 1. Should we not adjourn by June 1 then these birds would have to be banded before they are released. So we thought it would be a good idea to add the emergency clause just in case we didn't adjourn by June 1. I would urge you, at this time, to support the emergency clause...to support the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendment? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendments from the Constitutional Revision Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments are adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Hefner for LB 446.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll explain the bill now. This bill changes the provisions relating to game birds that are hunted on licensed game preserves. A constituent of mine brought me this bill because he operates a game preserve. The way the law reads now they need to band these birds before they are released. Then when a hunter shoots them he sees this band around the leg and he is a little disappointed because he feels that they are a tame bird. So what this bill would do, it would say that they would not have to be banded, but they would have to be marked. The marking process would have to be like a toe clipping or other marking that is approved by the Game and Parks Commission. But any bird killed in a control area, which does not carry a band, would have to be banded before they would be able to be transported from the area. Like I told you before, the controlled hunting area season starts July 1. This is why we needed or wanted the emergency clause on. The Game and Parks Commission supports this type of legislation. One more thing that I would like to address you with is that I feel it will add to our economy. I understand that there are seven or eight controlled areas now. A lot of out of state hunters come to Nebraska to hunt in these game preserves. These game